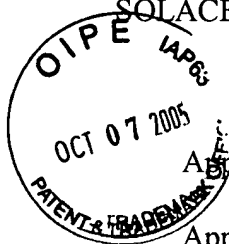


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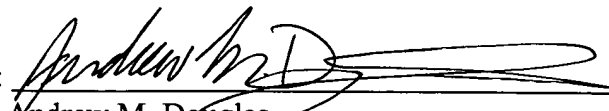
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below.

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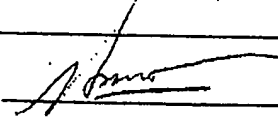
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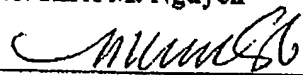
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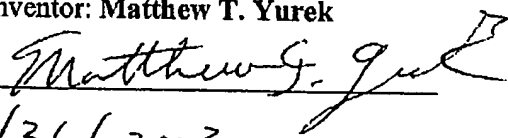
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## HIGH VAPOR PRESSURE ATTENUATION DEVICE

[0001] This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/391,446, filed March 17, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/723,309, filed on November 27, 2000, which claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/197,095, filed April 14, 2000, and claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/415,949, filed October 3, 2002; the disclosures of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated in their entirety herein by reference.

### Background of the Invention

#### Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates generally to methods and apparatus for attenuating and/or baffling transient pressure waves in relatively incompressible materials in organs of the body, including, but not limited to the following systems of the human body: cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal/urological, gastrointestinal, hepatic/biliary, gynecological, central nervous, musculoskeletal, otorhinolaryngical and ophthalmic.

[0003] In one particular aspect, the present invention relates generally to the field of urology and gynecology, and in particular to the treatment of disorders of the urinary tract caused by sudden fluctuations of intravesical pressure. More specifically, in this aspect of the present invention, methods and devices are provided for the diagnosis and treatment of urinary disorders such as incontinence, urgency, frequency, interstitial cystitis, irritable bladder syndrome and neurogenic bladders.

#### Description of the Related Art

[0004] Pressure waves are known to propagate through incompressible fluids in various organs of the body. These pressure waves may be caused by a number of events including events within the body, such as a beating heart, breathing in the lungs, peristalsis actions in the GI tract, movement of the muscles of the body, or events such as coughing, laughing, external trauma to the body, and movement of the body relative to gravity. As the elasticity of the surrounding tissues and organs, sometimes referred to as compliance, decreases, the propagation of these pressure waves increases. These pressure waves have